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NOTES AND NEWS

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During the coming summer communications to the editor may be addressed, as usual, to Palo Alto.

Dr. Charles H. Gilbert and Prof. William E. Ritter were on the "Albatross" during parts of March and April. The "Albatross" was engaged in deep-sea dredging off the southern California coast.

We call attention to Mrs. Bailey's interesting article on "Twelve Rock Wren Nests in New Mexico," published elsewhere in this issue, and to the queries proposed. "How general is the Salpinctian use of stones, and what proportion of nests have the walks leading away from them?" Have our field ornithologists any observations to offer?

Mr. John J. Williams, who has been living near Santa Barbara, has moved to Truckee, where he expects to be located during the summer.

Mr. W. W. Price made his usual excursion into the high Sierras early in April.

Mr. R. H. Beck presented a paper entitled, "The Galapagos Islands and Their Inhabitants" at a meeting of the Section of Ornithology of the California Academy of Sciences, May 3d.

One correspondent earnestly desires that we present in THE CONDOR more articles of a popular nature. Unfortunately we cannot publish for the benefit of our readers what does not reach our sanctum, however much we might wish to do so! As a matter of fact the responsibility for the lack of this sort of material rests not with the editors but with the persons who object to faunal lists and other more or less technical matter. At the present time we are publishing a much greater percentage of popular than technical articles, and are perfectly willing to increase this difference if the proper material is forthcoming.

Mr. R. W. Williams, Jr., of the Biological Survey will soon return to his home in Tallahassee, Florida, to resume the practice of law.

We learn that Mr. W. L. Dawson, the author of "The Birds of Ohio" intends to move to the State of Washington, where he will undertake, in co-authorship with Mr. J. H. Bowles of Tacoma, an illustrated work upon the Birds of Washington. This book is to be drawn on the lines of the Birds of Ohio, which combines so well the elements of scientific accuracy, popular interest, and attractive appearance. Both gentlemen are thoroughly familiar with the field, each having spent eight years in different parts of the state.

Mr. Frank M. Chapman has in preparation a volume on the Warblers of North America and requests the aid of students of birds throughout the country in the preparation of the volume. "Continued study of our birds," writes Mr. Chapman in *Bird-Lore*, "emphasizes the absolute necessity for many observers if we are to have anything approaching adequate biographies of even a single species * * * Cooperation, therefore, is the watchword of the bird-study of today. Instead of thinking that there is little left to learn, every bird student should feel that it is his special privilege to add to our knowledge of birds in nature. He may not make a novel or startling discovery, but he may confirm some observation which has already been made, and that, as a matter of fact, is second in value only to the original observation itself. An act may be attributed to a species on the basis of a single observation; but a habit, only after many observations." It is requested that each bird on which a report is made be treated as follows: name of species (scientific and common), local status, migration, song, courtship, haunts, nesting site, nest, eggs, young. Do not neglect sending your observations because they are incomplete. It is unnecessary to add that full credit will be given for all material used. Mr. Chapman's address is Englewood, New Jersey.

Messrs. C. H. Gilbert, Harold Heath, M. H. Spaulding and W. K. Fisher of Stanford University are located on the steamer "Albatross" which is engaged in deep-sea dredging in Monterey Bay.

The May meeting of the Northern Division was held at the residence of Prof. O. P. Jenkins, Stanford University, with a good attendance. Full minutes will be published in the July issue.

The Southern Division of the Cooper Club has recently lost an esteemed member, Prof. George Conant, who died at Long Beach, California, March 29, 1904. Prof. Conant was an enthusiastic naturalist, one of the kind that delights in helping the inexperienced to see and understand the things of Nature. His long life had been spent as a teacher, and in this capacity he had inspired many a boy with true scientific zeal.